

**U. S. House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Manfred Weber  
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Dear Messrs. Weber, Pittella, Verhofstadt and Kamall,

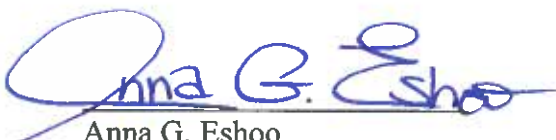
We have read with great concern that the European Parliament intends to consider a resolution that would deter continued innovation and investment from U.S. based Internet companies.

As elected representatives who represent tech corridors around the United States, we have seen first-hand the transformative impact of online based services, including e-mail, social media and search on our society and the economy. Through cross-border data flows, millions around the world have experienced these same benefits. In fact, by one account, online intermediaries, many of which are U.S. based companies were responsible for contributing more than \$500 billion to the GDP of the EU27 in 2012. Cumulatively, U.S. firms have invested \$2.1 trillion in the EU.

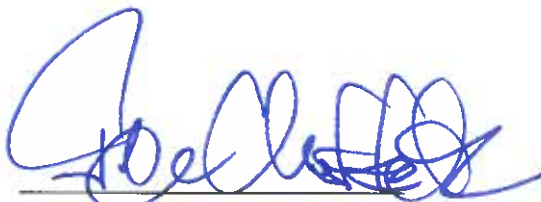
It is therefore troubling to us that the European Parliament is suggesting an action that would stem cross-border data flows at the expense of millions of people across Europe who enjoy the use of these online services every day. We support healthy competition and a fair playing field for Internet companies in the U.S. and around the globe and we believe these goals can be accomplished through the traditional regulatory process.

Thank you for your consideration of our views and your commitment to a vibrant, open Internet and the free flow of information around the globe.

Sincerely,



Anna G. Eshoo  
Member of Congress



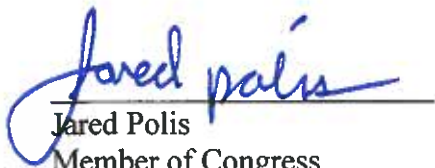
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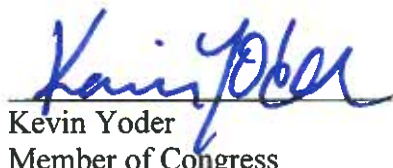
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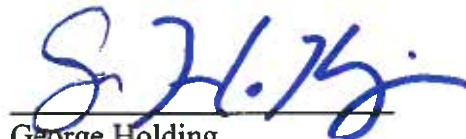
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